

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Patent Office has restricted the application to one of a number of different alleged inventions corresponding to a respective group of claims (Groups I-VI) as indicated on page 2 of the Office Action. In response, Applicant elects with traverse the alleged invention directed to Group VI and thus elect claims 66-69 for examination at this stage in view of same.

However, Applicant does not believe that the restriction requirement was proper. Indeed, the subject matter as defined in each separately alleged invention is not so different in scope such that it would create an undue burden for the Patent Office to examine all of the pending claims. At a minimum, Applicant believes that the claims related to a composition (e.g., claims 37-40, 44-54, 57-61, and 66-69) should be examined at the same time. Moreover, Applicant has added claim 70-73 and respectively submit that the new claims should be examined as well.


As previously provided, Applicant has made some changes to the specification. No new matter has been added thereby. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the examination of the present application be conducted in due course.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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